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patent is also transmitted herewith and it is believed that this rejection as well has been overcome.

As noted in the Official Action, a terminal disclaimer "signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b)." However, the present terminal disclaimers are signed by undersigned counsel, an attorney of record. A terminal disclaimer signed by an attorney of record need not comply with §3.73(b). MPEP 1490.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the references cited in the information disclosure statement transmitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return Form PTO 1449 in this information disclosure statement. Also, counsel has not yet received initialed copies of Form PTO 1449 from the information disclosure statements previously filed on March 1, 1996; February 27, 1995; and July 18, 1994. Copies of the information disclosure statements are transmitted herewith. If, for any reason, the Examiner has not received the information disclosure statements or the references associated therewith, she is respectfully requested to telephone undersigned counsel at the number set forth below so that copies may be hand-delivered.

As it is believed that all of the rejections and objections stated in the Official Action have been fully met by the foregoing amendment, remarks, and terminal disclaimers, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all claims in the application are earnestly solicited.

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